NORTHCARE NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2026

1230 Wilson Street, Marquette, MI 49855
Video Connection at Copper Country CMH-Houghton, Gogebic County CMH,
Hiawatha Behavioral Health-Chippewa and Schoolcraft,
Northpointe Behavioral Health Systems-Dickinson and Iron

Present at NorthCare:	Joe Bonovetz, George Ecclesine, Mike Koskinen, John Malnar, Ann Martin, Mari Negro, Mike Patrick, Marge Rayner, Craig Reiter, Jim Tervo, Kathy Thompson
Present via Video Connection:	Gale Eilola, Colleen Kichak, Bill Malloy
Not Present:	Glenn Wing, Richard Herrala (*alternate)*, Kevin Pirlot *(alternate)*, Susan Roberts *(alternate)*
NorthCare/CMH Staff:	Megan Rooney, Jennifer Ahonen, Cody Bowser, Andy Kulie, Sara Sircely, Matt Maskart, Courtney Grant, Mandy Padget, Mike Bach, Tess Greenough, Eric Coon
Guests:	Alan Bolter
Recorder:	Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Glenn Wing attended virtually as a member of the public and was not considered present as a board member.

<u>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</u>
Vice-Chair Rayner called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Roll call was taken by Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO. A quorum was present.

<u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA/APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>
Agenda: Additional Item – RFP/Bridge Health
Minutes: No Changes
Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve the agenda as amended and the minutes from May 13, 2026 as presented. Support by Mike Patrick.
Vote -All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>
None

<u>CMHA UPDATE</u>
Alan Bolter, CMHA CEO, reviewed the FY27 Conference Report (Final Budget) and discussed the potential of a new RFP, results from the privatization poll, Advocate discussions, and CMHA's next steps. Discussion was held.

<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u>
Vice-Chair Rayner opened the floor for nominations.
Craig Reiter nominated Glenn Wing as Chair. Support by George Ecclesine.
Jim Tervo nominated Marge Rayner as Vice-Chair. Support by Mike Patrick.
Craig Reiter nominated himself as Secretary. Support by Mike Patrick.
No other nominations were offered.
Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for the slate of nominees. Support by Mike Koskinen.
Vote -all in favor.
Chairperson Glenn Wing, Vice-Chairperson Marge Rayner, and Secretary Craig Reiter were elected.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Vice-Chairperson Rayner reminded the board of the CEO Evaluation deadline and of the upcoming GLRMHA Conference in September. Discussion was held.

CEO UPDATE

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided a verbal update on state, regional, and internal matters. Mediation for the Contract litigation is scheduled for August 13th. The Court of Appeals denied the MDHHS motion to dismiss the RFP appeal. FY26 MDHHS/PIHP contract was fully executed. MDHHS offered a FY27 MDHHS/PIHP contract to all 10 PIHPs. Discussion was held on House Bill 6022. The board requested a resolution opposing HB6022 be sent to the CMH boards and County Board of Commissioners. Additional updates were given on the CMS Audit, ICSS, and the Regional Learning Management System platform.

RFP/BRIDGE HEALTH

Megan Rooney, CEO, provided an overview of the RFP and the Interlocal Agreement which created the entity (Bridge Health). Discussion was held.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to dissolve the entity.

Support by Mike Patrick.

Discussion was held. A roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – 3 (*Ecclesine, Patrick, Reiter)*

No – 11 *(Bonovetz, Eilola, Kichak, Koskinen, Malloy, Malnar, Martin, Negro, Rayner, Tervo, Thompson)*

Motion Failed.

FINANCE

a. Finance Report & Check Register - $3,173,747.20

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the Finance Report & Check Register. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mike Koskinen to approve both the Finance Report and Check Register as presented.

Support by George Ecckesine.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

b. FY25 Compliance Exam

Jennifer Ahonen, CFO, presented the FY25 Compliance Exam.

Motion made by Mike Patrick to approve the FY25 Compliance Plan as presented.

Support by Joe Bonovetz.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. CEO Contract

The current CEO Contract with Megan Rooney expires on 9/12/26. The current CEO Contract was sent to the board on 8/3/26 for review. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Craig Reiter to approve a three-year contract extension.

Support Mike Patrick.

A roll call vote was requested.

Roll Call Vote

Yes – 14 *(Bonovetz, Ecclesine, Eilola, Kichak, Koskinen, Malloy, Malnar, Martin, Negro, Patrick, Rayner, Reiter, Tervo, Thompson)*

No – 0

Motion carried. Approved.

b. Contract Grid

The Contract Grid was presented as follows: Catholic Social Services *(SUD Health Home-$358.41)*, Great Lakes Recovery Centers *(SUD Health Home-$358.41)*, Phoenix House *(SUD Health Home-$358.41)*, Sacred Heart *(SUD Health Home-$358.41)*, Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center *(SUD Health Home-$358.41)*, Great Lakes Recovery Centers (*SUD Treatment -$358.41*); Sacred Heart (*SUD Treatment -98960- $10.32,98961- $5.74, 98962- $4.25*); Public Health Delta Menominee (*Mobile Unit -$42,914*); MDHHS- Donated Funds Agreement (*DHS Eligibility Specialist-$76,400*); Absorb Software North America, LLC (*Learning Management System- $82,119.53 annually, $14,542 -one time set up fee*); Arrowroot Integrative Practices (*Equine Therapy-G0136- $150*); Wakley Consulting Group, LLC (*ISF Analysis -$35,000*).

Motion made by Joe Bonovetz to approve the Contract Grid as presented.

Support by Craig Reiter.

Discussion was held.

Vote- All in favor, Motion carried. Approved.

c. Informational Items

Informational Items were included in the packet: NorthCare Network Board Report, MDHHS Waiver Audit Results Summary, Self-Determination Audit Summary, Trauma Informed Care Training, CMHA-FY27 Conference Report Final Budget, and KFF Health News Article.

<u>BOARD MEMBER COMMENT</u>

None

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

None

<u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

None

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>

The next scheduled meeting will be September 16, 2026 *(3rd Wednesday)*

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Motion made by Mike Patrick to adjourn the meeting. Support by Craig Reiter.

Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairperson Rayner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM

Recorded By: Sandra Lambert, Executive Assistant to the CEO